

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: Feb.21, 2017
6:00 p.m.

BOARD: Joe Sacamano, Joanne Rubin, Barb Ayers, Phil Evans

Absent: Excused: Darin Molesworth

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling

MOSIER FIRE VOLUNTEERS & ASSOCIATES: Maggie Goter, Charles Young, Wade Root

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Member Joanne Rubin at 6:18 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Rubin added an agenda item re: changing the start time of regular MFD board meetings

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – Jan. 12, 2017
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Joe Sacamano made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Barb Ayers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

MFD Volunteers President Maggie Goter noted that the volunteers had been working on how to integrate volunteers to provide comprehensive care to the community

2. Committee Reports

Chief Jim Appleton said that the public MFD station/civic center presentation has been re-scheduled to March 9 at the Mosier School. He also noted that the MFD Policy Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month and would like a board member to be on it. Ayers volunteered for the position.

3. 2017-2018 Budget Calendar

Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling handed out the state's suggested timeline for the annual budget process.

4. Election Calendar

Appleton noted that the last day for filing for board positions was March 16. He said the board positions currently held by Darin Molesworth and Barb Ayers will terminate June 30. He added that Molesworth said he would not run again.

5. FEMA Grant (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response)

Appleton said he had submitted the grant proposal for about \$250,000 for a four-year ¾-time training officer/specialist and related costs. He said the position would not include active fire-fighting. If granted, the start date for the new hire would probably be fall or early winter.

6. 20-minute Discussion on Areas of Concern and Questions re: Consultant/Reboot Process

Volunteer Charles Young read aloud a letter written by Volunteer Kris Mcnall regarding concerns she had about the delayed MFD re-boot process. Young and Goter said they generally agreed with those concerns. Ayers also read into the record the emails attached below. After discussion it was informally agreed that the Board will meet twice, instead of once, a month for approximately six months in order to expedite the process.

7. Chief’s Monthly Summary

The Board reviewed a handout of the Chief’s Summary, which includes the actions of the volunteers and duties of the Fire Chief for the month of January. A discussion followed on concerns the Board had about the potential cost of the MFD fire station/civic center as indicated by three versions of the plan to be presented to the public on March 9. Appleton said he had no cost estimates from the station development team. Some Board members said without that, the public presentation should not take place. Appleton said he would call the station development team to talk about cost estimates.

8. Changing the Start Time of Regular MFD Board Meetings

There was a discussion about changing the time of the regular meetings. Appleton suggested before the change takes place, research should be done to insure there is no public information still in circulation with the current time of 7 p.m.

Board Member Sacamano made a motion to change the start time of regular MFD Board Meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. with the effective start date to be determined. Board Member Evans seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was noted that the additional, temporary, board meetings planned to expedite the re-boot process will start at 6 p.m., will be scheduled on the fourth Thursday of each month, and will be officially noticed as Special Meetings.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder